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Division 13

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Upcoming DBE Outreach Events

Join N.C. Department of Transportation officials for our upcoming Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Outreach events in January.

These quarterly events offer small, minority and woman business owners the opportunity to network and learn how to do business with NCDOT. The Division 13 event will be held on Jan. 22.

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News Near You...

NCDOT Completes Crossroads Parkway in Madison County

MARS HILL — Drivers can now use the recently opened Crossroads Parkway, a new frontage road that provides an important connection in rural Madison County.

A contractor for the N.C. Department of Transportation recently opened the \$2.4 million road project to increase commercial access to the Mars Hill area.

NHM Constructors built a half-mile frontage road connecting Crossroads Parkway and Calvin Edney Road that links access to Interstate 26 at exits 9 and 11. Construction included creating a two-lane road, adding new landscaping, building a 580-foot-long retaining wall, extending a municipal water line, and replacing a section of municipal force main sewer.

The project is intended to draw new businesses and improve access to the interstate for existing companies. The project is part of the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) local access road program.

"We are delighted to open Crossroads Parkway for the Madison County community," Division 13 Engineer Mark Gibbs said. "This corridor will better connect the community and improve economic and quality of life opportunities for the people in this rural area."

[Governor Roy Cooper](#) visited the Madison County area in May 2018 and discussed with local officials the Crossroads Parkway as part of the launch of his statewide Hometown Strong initiative aimed at helping rural counties.

The ARC is a regional economic development agency comprised of the governors of 13 Appalachian states, and a federal government representative. Its purpose is to boost the area's economy through investment in transportation, infrastructure, education, health and cultural initiatives and projects.



Apply for GHSP Grant Funds

The N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program is accepting grant applications from now until Jan. 31 from communities interested in developing traffic safety programs.

Law enforcement agencies, hospitals, educational organizations, state agencies and others are encouraged to apply.

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Look Back at 2021

As we begin the new year, NCDOT offers a look back at some of the accomplishments of its various modes in 2021.

Check out the full [NCDOT 2021 Year in Review](#) video. Also, see what the [Ferry](#), [Integrated Mobility](#), [Rail](#) and [Aviation](#) divisions accomplished throughout the last year.



Help Distribute Bike Helmets

The Bicycle Helmet Initiative encourages organizations interested in distributing bike helmets and promoting bike safety in their communities to apply before 5 p.m. on Feb. 4.

Since 2007, the Bicycle Helmet Initiative has supplied helmets to thousands of underprivileged kids to help reduce bike injuries and fatalities.

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